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Characteristic	Under 18 years of age			Under 6 years of age			6–17 years of age		
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
Percent of children without a health care visit <sup>1</sup>									
All children <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	12.8	12.8	13.2	5.7	5.7	6.6	16.4	16.3	16.4
Race <sup>3</sup>									
White . . . . .	12.2	12.1	12.4	5.6	5.3	6.2	15.6	15.5	15.3
Black . . . . .	13.8	14.9	14.7	5.2	7.8	7.7	18.1	18.2	17.9
American Indian or Alaska Native . . . . .	*15.7	*	*21.5	*	*	*	*19.8	*	*26.7
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	16.0	16.6	17.1	*	*	*	21.5	22.8	23.9
Race and Hispanic origin									
White, non-Hispanic . . . . .	10.7	10.7	10.7	4.4	4.3	5.2	13.7	13.7	13.2
Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .	14.1	14.9	14.6	5.1	8.0	7.8	18.4	18.2	17.7
Hispanic <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	19.5	19.1	20.6	10.5	8.9	10.0	25.2	25.4	27.0
Poverty status <sup>4</sup>									
Poor . . . . .	17.6	17.8	19.2	7.3	9.0	12.1	24.4	23.2	23.0
Near poor . . . . .	16.9	15.2	17.3	7.4	6.6	8.2	21.8	19.7	22.2
Nonpoor . . . . .	9.7	9.7	9.7	4.1	3.6	4.4	12.4	12.5	12.1
Race and Hispanic origin and poverty status <sup>4</sup>									
White, non-Hispanic:									
Poor . . . . .	14.3	13.0	13.4	*5.7	*	*	20.0	18.5	15.8
Near poor . . . . .	14.3	13.8	14.7	*6.5	*5.4	*6.5	18.2	17.9	19.0
Nonpoor . . . . .	9.1	9.1	9.1	3.5	3.3	4.3	11.7	11.6	11.1
Black, non-Hispanic:									
Poor . . . . .	15.4	16.9	16.4	*	*10.1	*9.6	21.7	20.4	19.8
Near poor . . . . .	19.3	13.8	17.7	*	*	*10.3	24.9	16.9	21.3
Nonpoor . . . . .	11.5	13.0	10.3	*	*	*	14.4	17.0	12.7
Hispanic: <sup>3</sup>									
Poor . . . . .	23.5	23.3	26.2	11.5	12.1	17.2	31.7	30.7	32.7
Near poor . . . . .	20.7	19.6	22.7	9.8	8.9	10.5	27.6	27.0	29.5
Nonpoor . . . . .	13.3	12.5	13.4	*9.4	*4.9	*4.0	15.5	16.9	18.1
Health insurance status <sup>5</sup>									
Insured . . . . .	10.2	10.6	10.6	4.4	4.6	4.7	13.2	13.6	13.5
Private . . . . .	10.4	10.4	10.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	13.1	13.2	13.1
Medicaid . . . . .	9.3	10.5	10.9	4.5	5.5	5.7	13.4	14.4	14.8
Uninsured . . . . .	29.0	28.6	32.6	14.7	14.5	21.6	35.0	34.7	37.2
Poverty status and health insurance status <sup>4</sup>									
Poor:									
Insured . . . . .	12.5	13.9	12.7	5.0	*6.6	7.3	18.0	18.8	15.8
Uninsured . . . . .	36.4	32.3	42.3	19.2	20.0	35.0	42.9	37.8	45.2
Near poor:									
Insured . . . . .	13.7	11.4	13.1	5.0	*3.8	5.5	18.3	15.5	17.4
Uninsured . . . . .	28.2	27.5	32.2	*16.9	16.9	19.9	32.9	32.6	37.3
Nonpoor:									
Insured . . . . .	8.7	9.0	9.1	3.7	3.5	3.9	11.1	11.6	11.5
Uninsured . . . . .	22.6	23.5	21.9	*	*	*15.3	27.7	29.7	24.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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Geographic region	Percent of children without a health care visit <sup>1</sup>								
Northeast . . . . .	7.1	6.9	6.6	*3.0	*3.2	*4.6	9.3	8.6	7.7
Midwest . . . . .	11.8	12.7	11.8	5.7	6.2	5.9	14.7	15.8	14.5
South . . . . .	14.8	13.7	14.7	5.3	5.9	7.0	19.5	17.6	18.4
West. . . . .	16.0	16.7	17.9	8.8	7.0	8.3	19.8	21.6	22.8
Location of residence									
Within MSA <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	12.3	12.3	12.9	5.3	5.6	6.0	16.1	15.7	16.4
Outside MSA <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	14.6	14.6	14.1	7.6	6.2	9.0	17.4	18.5	16.2

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error of 20–30 percent. Data not shown have a relative standard error of greater than 30 percent.

<sup>1</sup> Respondents were asked how many times a doctor or other health care professional was seen in the past 12 months at a doctor's office, clinic, or some other place. Excluded are visits to emergency rooms, hospitalizations, home visits, and telephone calls. This table presents the percent of children with no visits in the past 12 months. See Appendix II, Health care contact.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all other races not shown separately, unknown poverty status, and unknown health insurance status.

<sup>3</sup> The race groups white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Asian or Pacific Islander include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin; persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>4</sup> Poverty status is based on family income, family size, number of children in the family, and for families with two or fewer adults the age of the adults in the family, using Bureau of the Census poverty thresholds. Poor persons are defined as below the poverty threshold. Near poor persons have incomes of 100 percent to less than 200 percent of poverty threshold. Nonpoor persons have incomes of 200 percent or greater than the poverty threshold. See Appendix II, Family income, Poverty level. Poverty status was unknown for 17 percent of children in the sample in 1997, 21 percent in 1998, and 24 percent in 1999.

<sup>5</sup> Health insurance categories are mutually exclusive. Persons who reported both Medicaid and private coverage are classified as having Medicaid coverage. Starting in 1997 Medicaid includes state-sponsored health plans and Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP). See Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

<sup>6</sup> MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: In 1997 the National Health Interview Survey questionnaire was redesigned. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey. Data presented in this table are not comparable with data on percent of children without a physician contact within the past 12 months presented in *Health, United States*, 1996–97, 1998, and 1999. Some numbers for 1998 were revised and differ from the previous edition of *Health, United States*.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey, family core and sample child questionnaires.